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1. CLUB MEETINGS.

The Townsville Apple Group (T.A.G.) meets at 7.30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at Pimlico State High School in J Block. J Block is the block on the right and closest to the road as you face the school. The meeting room is upstairs. At the meeting, there are hardware and software demonstrations, question and answer sessions and informal discussions between members.

NEXT MEETING : 10TH OCTOBER, 1990 AT PIMLICO STATE HIGH SCHOOL

2.NOTES FROM THE LAST CLUB MEETING.

The last meeting held at Pimlico High was well attended with Paul Groth again giving a demonstration on a IIGS. The Apple IIGS special interest group apparently in the process of organising another meeting . When further details come to hand , I will publish them.

3.COPYRIGHT SOFTWARE

The copying of Copyrighted software is illegal and is not permitted at club meetings.

4. Editorial (by Ed Kulpa)

Well the year is nearly over and I have made a resolution to stop knocking Apple. They are trying to turn the boat around. Albeit somewhat lately and no doubt because IBM has decided to enter the home computer race. They will bring out their Mac "classic" in October and it will have the capabilities to run Apple II software. Initially I was worried that this would mean that Apple has abandoned their II range but on reflection I realize that this will mean that it will be worthwhile for programmers to again write software for the Apple range.

Mike Harvey the editor of *NIBBLE* magazine in a recent issue makes a very valid point. He says that there is a user base of 5 million in the Apple area <u>but there are almost no new sales and little software turnover</u>.

So what does it mean?

It means that YOU have to spread the word, YOU have to buy software instead of copying and You have to do your bit. This means go to user meetings, help with club activities and so on. I speak from first hand experience here. Except for the few, who I try to acknowledge, I have had no help or input into the newsletter. We all must do our part in our own way.

And this again brings me to my resolution which is :-

The time to stop complaining and to start doing is now.

LONG LIVE THE APPLE II
(if we let it)

5. Thanks from the Editor.

Thanks to the people who helped with this newsletter specifically Terry Rawlings and Dave Greenland from the Byte Centre. This newsletter is set up with Publish It 3 using imported Appleworks files and then printed .

6. GOSSIP, RUMOURS ETC.

The following has been gleaned from various sources and may or may not be true but is certainly being talked about. Where possible, the source is referenced.

The Byte Centre new manager is Robyn Partridge who has quite extensive experience in computers. I asked Robyn about the problems that the Sunday Mail mentioned that THE LOGIC GROUP/ BYTE CENTRE were having. Robyn said

that these mainly concerned the central offices and that the regional offices are very viable. This is certainly heartening asI have felt the Townsville centre provides a good service. If you have not done so go in and have a look at the centre and check out the software. As Apple have recently revised their prices, now may be the time to buy that piece of hardware that you have been meaning to buy. Dave has got the Video Overlay Card for the Apple II range up and working. It is strange to see the monitor acting as a tv screen.

Support your local dealer!

Apple has had a very successful September as it dropped the prices on Mac Plus, SE and CX to prepare for the October issue of the Classic. Priced around $A1800 ? it will have 1Mb of RAM, a floppy drive and a keyboard. The drive is tipped to be a 1.4 Mb Super drive

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7. CLUBSALES

The club is able to make bulk purchases of disks and other items and can pass these discounts onto you. The following may be purchased at meetings

Pack of ten 5.25 ' disks
Pack of ten 3.5" disks
IMAGEWRITER ribbons
Various cables and plugs.
Technical knowledge ---------- $ free
We are also able to have ribbons reinked and charge a small handling fee.

8. FOR SALE

Free advertisements can be placed with the newsletter by members for computer items that they wish to buy or sell.

Wanted to sell.

An Apple IIc complete with manuals, external disk drive, AppleScribe printer , mono monitor and some software for $1500 . Will sell parts separately.
Phone Kim Gourlay ..... 73 - 7640.

An Apple Unidisk 5 1/4 inch disk drive ($300)
a mono monitor (green screen)
a 32k Imagewriter II printer buffer option card for $100
Chris Griggs.....231532

10. DISCLAIMER

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Beagle Bros TimeOut Program Descriptions

This section comes from Chris Griggs who is a Beagle Buddy and has the latest updates if you own legitimate copies of their Timeout series software. It was thought that it would be appropriate to give you an idea of their current offerings.

DeskTools : Data Converter Alan Bird

Allows you to transfer data from a spreadsheet file to a data base file and vice versa. Data Converter is also part of TimeOut SpreadTools.

DeskTools : Calculator Alan Bird

Full function printing calculator with 20 digit display, one memory, tape printout and the ability to return an answer to AppleWorks.

DeskTools : Calendar Howard Bangerter

View any day from 1910 to 1999, see two months at a time. Includes an appointment calendar (view by day or week) & prioritized task list.

DeskTools : Case Converter Glenn Clawson

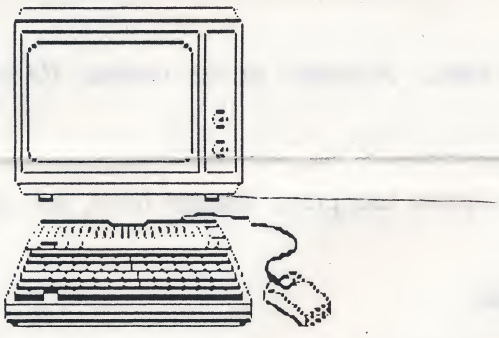
Converts entire documents to upper or lower case. Can also capitalize.

DeskTools : Dialer — Mark de Jong

Allows you to use your modem to place calls for you. Dials the number the cursor is on or you can select from the Quick Phone list. Can also re-dial the last number called.

DeskTools : Envelope Addresser — Dan Verkade

Allows for quick formatting and printing of envelopes using information already in your AppleWorks document, including return addresses.



DeskTools : File Encrypter — Glenn Clawson

Protects your confidential information. Encrypts data then you must enter password to decrypt data. Can be used for saved or on-screen files.

DeskTools : Note Pad — Dan Verkade

Allows you to quickly jot down a thought or note while in the middle of any AppleWorks application (up to 32 pages). Notes can be printed and you can use the "find" feature to locate information.

DeskTools : Page Preview — Alan Bird

Allows you to see the page format of an AppleWorks word processor file.

DeskTools : Puzzle — Mark de Jong

This is the classic tile (number) moving puzzle gone high tech! Once solved, you will be told how many moves it took to solve it. Best word to describe this diversion -- addicting!

DeskTools : Word Count — Alan Bird

Scans an AppleWorks document and indicates how many words and characters are in the document and the average length of each word. Also available in QuickSpell.

IMAGINE *YOUR* ARTICLE, REVIEW, LETTER TO THE EDITOR ETC. HERE.

DeskTools II : Area Codes — Dan Verkade

Allows you to find the area codes for over 400 cities in the U.S. & Canada.

DeskTools II : Calculator+ — Dan Verkade

A multi-functioned Reverse Polish Notation calculator which includes: basic math, scientific (expon, trig, & log), and financial functions, decimal or hexadecimal display, 14 math and physical constants, 16 places of significance, and exponents of 10 to + or - 255th power. Can import numbers from the Spreadsheet.

DeskTools II : Clipboard Viewer

Dan Verkade, Randy Brandt

Displays the information currently on the clipboard. Allows you to erase the clipboard or selectively delete some of the information.

DeskTools II : DirecTree Dan Verkade

Displays all the files on your disk including subdirectories. Can print complete tree for handy reference. Will load highlighted file onto Desktop.

DeskTools II : Disk Tester Randy Brandt

Will test a disk to see if it can be read and written to. Also displays the number of free blocks on a disk.

DeskTools II : File Search Glenn Clawson

Allows you to quickly search for a sequence of characters in an AppleWorks file on disk.

DeskTools II : Measurements Dan Verkade

Measurement converter for length, volume, weight, and time. Accurate to the nearest 1000th.

DeskTools II : Printer Manager Dan Verkade

Allows direct control of printer to do such things as compress the print, change fonts, set the top of form, or enter a line of text.

DeskTools II : Screen Out Dan Verkade

Will clear your screen. A security code may be set up so that the screen will not return until the code is entered.

DeskTools II : Screen Printer Dan Verkade

Will print any portion of the AppleWorks screen to the Open-Apple H printer.

DeskTools II : Stop Watches Dan Verkade

This is a set of 5 stop watches for timing events up to 24 hrs in duration. May operate individually or at once.

FileMaster : FileMaster Randy Brandt

File and Disk Manager
File: List, Copy, Compare, Rename, Delete, Lock, Unlock, Change file type, Clear backup bit
Disk: List, Copy, Compare, Rename, Erase, Format, Create subdirectory, Copy subdirectory

Graph : Graph Rob Redstrom

Can create business charts and graphs from AppleWorks Spreadsheet and Data Base data. Creates Bar, Line, Pie, XY, Area, Hi-Lo, Exploded Pie, Stacked Bar, and Point graphs. Allows you to add titles, labels, legends, grid lines, etc.

PowerPack : Triple Desktop Randy Brandt

Allows up to 36 files to be on the AppleWorks Desktop at one time. Twelve of these may be active at one time.

PowerPack : Desktop Sorter Randy Brandt

Allows you to change the order of files on the Desktop Index (accessed with Open-Apple Q). May be alphabetized or manually repositioned.

QuickSpell : QuickSpell Alan Bird

Allows you to quickly check word processor files against an 80,000 word main dictionary and a custom dictionary of unlimited size.

QuickSpell : Word Count Alan Bird

Scans an AppleWorks document and indicates how many words and characters are in the document and the average length of each word. Also available in DeskTools.

ReportWriter : ReportWriter Dan Verkade

A powerful relational report generator for AppleWorks. Designs and generates reports. Can freely mix text and data anywhere in a report. Headers and footers, along with titles and summary pages can be set up easily. Can perform wide range of calculations.

SideSpread : SideSpread Mark Simonsen

Allows you to print your spreadsheet sideways without leaving AppleWorks. Allows for two fonts styles and a variety of sizes

SpreadTools : Analyzer Alan Bird

Helps you find errors in your spreadsheet formulas. Shows unreferenced values, references to blanks or label cells, etc. Can generate a cell cross reference, view 76 col at a time, adjust col widths, track cell references, and view cell values.

SpreadTools : Block Copy Dan Verkade

Allows you to copy blocks of information within the SS to or from the clipboard.

SpreadTools : Cell Link Randy Brandt

Allows a spreadsheet to import cell values from other spreadsheets on the Desktop or on the AppleWorks data disk. Allows multiple SS linking.

Graph : Paint Mark Simonsen

Double high-res drawing program. Has tools for circles, boxes, straight lines, freehand lines and points, editing, painting, filling, erasing, adding text, grid, FatBits, undo, etc. Can be used enhance or modify graphs with the Graphing program or to add pictures to the a word processed file.

PowerPack : ASCII Values Randy Brandt

Displays ASCII, decimal, hexadecimal, binary, code and screen equivalents for any number from 0 to 65535.

PowerPack : AWP to TXT Randy Brandt

Creates standard ProDOS text files from AppleWorks Word Processor files. Uses only the carriage returns that are already present in the original file.

PowerPack : Category Search Randy Brandt

Allows you to search a specific category, speeds up the search and reduces the number of false finds. Allows use of wildcards in search.

PowerPack : File Librarian Randy Brandt

Reads your data disks into a Data Base file for cataloging your files. Very handy as your AppleWorks file library grows!

PowerPack : Help Screens Randy Brandt

Allows you to design your own help screens. They become TO applications, accessed from TO menu (references for macros, novice help screens, store reference information).

PowerPack : Line Sorter Randy Brandt

Allows you to select a range of lines in the Word Processor and then sorts them in alphabetical order.

PowerPack : Program Selector Randy Brandt

Allows you to exit directly from AppleWorks to another program and then automatically return to AppleWorks when you're finished.

PowerPack : Triple Clipboard Randy Brandt

Allows you to have three independent clipboards in memory.

SpreadTools : Data Converter Alan Bird

Allows you to transfer data from a spreadsheet file to a data base file and vice versa. Data Converter is also part of TimeOut DeskTools.

SpreadTools : Formula to Value Dan Verkade

Will convert a block of formulas to all values. (A value only uses less momory).

SpreadTools : Quick Columns Dan Verkade

Allows you to change a column width by keying it in (individually or up to 127 at a time). Allows for patterns to be entered.

SpreadTools : Rows <--> Cols Dan Verkade

Lets you copy any row into any column and vice versa within a spreadsheet.

SuperFonts : Paint Mark Simonsen

Double high-res drawing program. Has tools for circles, boxes, straight lines, freehand lines and points, editing, painting, filling, erasing, adding text, grid, FatBits, undo, etc. Can be used enhance or modify graphs with the Graphing program or to add pictures to the a word processed file.

SuperFonts : SuperFonts Mark Simonsen

Allows you to print word processor files with Macintosh fonts. Bold, italic, underline, shadow, outline, subscript, superscript, and inverse are available with the fonts. Can also insert graphics into your documents. Includes a paint program.

TeleComm : TeleComm Mark de Jong

Allows you to use telecommunications without leaving AppleWorks.

Thesaurus : Thesaurus Alan Bird

Will reference over 40,000 synonyms and automatically replace any word with the synonym you select.

UltraMacros : UltraMacros Randy Brandt

Allows you to program AppleWorks! You can create single keystrokes which will replace a sequence of keystrokes. Very powerful program.

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